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*Our Mission: "To Know, Live and Share God's Word"*

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## *The Shepherd's Voice*

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October 2022

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Dear Friends in Christ-

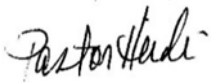
An expression being used more often of late is *liminal space* or *liminality*. By definition a liminal space is a location which is between two other places. It comes from the Greek word for *threshold*. Properly speaking a liminal space is not a destination but a transitional place. Examples include airports, elevators and waiting rooms. *Liminality* then, is what we experience in times and places when we have left *here* but aren't yet *there*.

As a congregation we are in a state of liminality, which can bring both anxiety because of the unknowns and excitement for what is yet to come. To complicate matters, the Christian church in this country and around the world is in a state of liminality. The way we did things in the past is not the same as what is to come. This was true before the pandemic, but COVID-19 has made it even clearer that we are in a time of change. And it isn't easy. Even when you are excited about the change, it can be hard.

While living through a liminal time is challenging because of the unknown, it is also a time of possibility. It can be a time of creativity and innovation. It gives us space for self-examination and can be a moment in our lives when authentic transformation can happen.

As we continue through the interim process, my hope is that we will experience more excitement than anxiety. Our Transition Team will be formed soon and will direct Good Shepherd through the process of creating a *Congregational Profile* which will be used during the search for a new pastor. In the meantime, there are opportunities to celebrate, share and serve our Lord Jesus Christ.

I hope that this fall season brings you gracious happenings and meaningful memories.



## Invitation Sunday – October 30<sup>th</sup>



### Invitation Sunday

On October 30<sup>th</sup> we will be hosting **Invitation Sunday** at Good Shepherd. In the next few weeks you will have an opportunity to invite friends, family and neighbors to join us in a festive worship service followed by a brunch reception.

Paper invitations will be available for you to add a personal note before sharing it with someone you know.

Perhaps you have a family member who hasn't been to church lately, invite them! Maybe you have a new neighbor, invite them! Is there someone who used to sit near you in worship and you're missing them of late? Invite them! We'll even give you some sample "verbiage."

Our hope is that by inviting others to worship, they may feel uplifted by the gospel and welcomed to our community.

## Confirmation Gatherings Start October 13<sup>th</sup>!

If you are in 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grade and have an interest in affirming your baptism, we hope you will join Pastor Heidi for our Confirmation Gatherings. If you want to be confirmed but are a little older, we hope you will join us as well! Meetings will be held on Thursdays twice a month, beginning at 7:00pm and ending at 9:30pm. Our Fall schedule is:

October 13

October 27

November 10

December 8

December 22



Confirmation  
Gatherings

Pastor Heidi is also looking for volunteers to serve as Mentors for our confirmands. This would involve attending a few Confirmation Gatherings and also connecting with a confirmand a few times outside of our meetings. If you think you might be interested, please contact Pastor Heidi at [HRodrick@luthgoodshep.org](mailto:HRodrick@luthgoodshep.org).

## Share Your Photos!

We are currently creating a file of photos showing Good Shepherd in action. These pictures will be used in Social Media settings including the church's website. If you have clear photos of people participating in worship, activities, service, learning, etc.- please send your jpg files to Pastor Heidi at [HRodrick@luthgoodshep.org](mailto:HRodrick@luthgoodshep.org). You are also invited to take new photos in worship and at events to be a part of the mix.



## New Member Orientation: October 23<sup>rd</sup>

On Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> Pastor Heidi and members of the Church Council will be hosting a **New Member Orientation** following 9:30am worship. We will be meeting in the Café to hear about Good Shepherd, share some personal stories and answer questions about all things Lutheran. If you are interested in becoming a member of Good Shepherd, we hope you will join us! The **Reception of New Members** will be held on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. For more information, please contact Pastor Heidi.



### Monthly Pancake Breakfast

**Saturday, October 15, 2022 8-10 am**

This event is open to the public.

Tell your friends and neighbors.



Join us for pancakes, french toast, bacon, sausage, eggs/omelets made to order, hash browns, dry beef gravy, baked goods, fruit, coffee, tea and juice.

\$10 adults/\$4 children

### Good Shepherd Indoor Yard Sale - Saturday October 15th; 8am - 1pm

Our Indoor Yard Sale will take place on Saturday, October 15, from 8am – 1pm, coinciding with our October Pancake Breakfast! Cost to reserve a church table will be \$15, and cost to reserve a spot and bring your own table will be \$10. Friends and family welcome. Reservation proceeds to benefit Good Shepherd Food Ministries. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex!



### Financial update: August 2022

**Receipts:** Total Current Receipts through August 2022 were up (+7.5%) compared to the same period in 2021. Adult Receipts (pledged giving) was down (-11.6%). Other Adult Receipts were up (+7.5%). Hall Donations/Rental Fees were up(+114.6%). Mortgage Receipts were down (-6.2%).

**Expenses:** Total Current Expenses through August 2022 decreased by (-1.9%) compared to the same period in 2021. Stewardship, Finance, Evangelism, Office, and Christian Ed expenses were up, while Worship/Music, Synod and Staff expenditures were down.

### Giving

Please remember to continue to give financially to Good Shepherd. We still have to pay the mortgage and other bills. Please continue to give and support our ministries during this time so that our ministries continue and are ready to bounce back once the concern is over. There are two easy ways to give electronically. Go to our website [www.luthgoodshep.org](http://www.luthgoodshep.org), and sign up for electronic giving under the "Giving" tab.

Also, by opening the camera on your smartphone and point it at the QR code below, it will prompt you to open a website and enter a secure payment.



### Thrivent Choice Dollars

Are you a member of Thrivent? You may have unused Choice Dollars! Choice Dollars can be designated to Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd. Another great way to keep our ministries going! Check with your Thrivent Representa-

### Social Ministry thanks all members of Good Shepherd

Social Ministry would like to thank all who have been bringing food to stock our Blessing Box. We also receive donations from Olivet Methodist Church, our Boy Scouts, Rosebud's, retired teachers from Friendship Elementary School, Grocery Bargain Market, Coatesville Lion's Club, Bondsville Mill Gardens, and our local neighbors. We have also been blessed to have Thrivent members who have been given monetary grants to buy food directly. Without all of these donations there is no way we could stock the Box. We know that the box is feeding families. In fact we found a note in the box from a woman "...thanking us for helping her family survive".

We want you to know that: we continue to need sources of protein like canned meat, stew, soups, canned ravioli, beefaroni and beans. We also need personal care items like deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, womn's sanitary items, toothpaste etc. Please bring basics like, rice, bread, cereal, pasta, pasta sauce and cereal and bring Chicken Helper, Tuna Helper, instant potatoes and stuffing. Please put your donations into the Blessing Box or on the food tables during open church hours.

## Social Ministry Thanksgiving/Christmas Meals for Families in Need

Good Shepherd will again give members and friends of member in need a complete holiday meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will also give Christmas gifts to children 18 years old and younger. All you need to do is complete the necessary form. PLEASE READ the instructions and keep the page with distribution information. Meals MUST be picked up on the designated days. Forms can be found in the Narthex or by calling the church office at 610 384-2035. Drop off bin is in the Narthex. Thank you!

If you would like to donate to support this program, please mark your envelope "Social Ministry".

## Combined Handbell Choir

I am pleased to share that we are continuing on with the "Combined Handbell Choir" made up of members from both Good Shepherd and Messiah. We will provide special music to both congregations throughout the season. Please keep the bell choir in your prayers as we venture into this new chapter of our ministry, and do consider joining us if you enjoy the bells! No experience needed!-MarthaChan ([mchan@luthgoodshep.org](mailto:mchan@luthgoodshep.org))



## The LIFT Team is in Need of Some Volunteers

We need some new voices to share God's word with our youth and families. This is a very small time commitment and all of the planning is already done. You will be provided with everything you need - it is as easy as reading the lesson and encouraging conversation. You can sign up to help just one time, to help once a month, or weekly if you wish. Our curriculum encourages hearing our stories from different voices so that is a LIFT goal for this year.

## Ladies' night out - Bunco is back!

3rd Sunday of the month from September through December. 7-9 pm in the cafe. Want to have fun and laugh while we play an easy to learn, fast moving dice game? Then join us and bring a friend, Messiah ladies have been invited! The more the merrier! \$5 donation is suggested for snacks and prizes awarded. Questions call or text Darlene Hoskins (484)678-0554. Come on ladies, let's see how you roll.



## Become a Monthly Donor to Make an Impact Year-Round

Making an impact through financially supporting BCC can be simple and budget-friendly. Ongoing monthly gifts allow your financial contribution to be used where it can make the biggest difference throughout the changing seasons of the camp calendar. All monthly donors receive an exclusive BCC Christmas ornament!

## Pastor Susan Memorial Concert

Good Shepherd is purchasing a new piano in memory of Pastor Susan. A memorial concert featuring the new piano will take place in the LCGS Fellowship Hall on the evening of Friday, November 18th. The concert will feature soloists, ensembles, and choirs from Good Shepherd and Messiah, and refreshments will be served. Please invite your family and friends to this special event! No tickets needed, but a free-will offering will be taken for donations for the piano. If you are interested in participating in the concert, please see Martha Chan ([mchan@luthgoodshep.org](mailto:mchan@luthgoodshep.org)), or any of the music staff. If you are interested in helping with the reception please contact Sandy Haines. ([adminsUPPORT@luthgoodshep.org](mailto:adminsUPPORT@luthgoodshep.org)).

## Quilters Welcome



Good Shepherd Quilters are ready to resume their quilting ministry! Please contact Jean Broderick, [rjjean@ptd.net](mailto:rjjean@ptd.net) if you are interested in joining! All are welcome!

## GOD is GOOD

The Social Ministry Evangelism Committee wants to start a new feature in the newsletter called "God is Good!" The idea behind this is that sometimes we forget that even a small act of kindness can make a difference in the world, especially when it seems that all we hear are bad things happening. What we are asking people to do is to submit an anecdote about something kind that they did for someone else (don't be shy) or something that someone did for you! Please submit your story to Kim Tapscott at [tapscots@verizon.net](mailto:tapscots@verizon.net), and monthly the committee will choose one or more to share in the newsletter. God is Good all the time and has "angels" everywhere showing his love! Let us rejoice and watch for the good in ourselves and others as we share the good news of God's love! Kim Tapscott, on behalf of the Social Ministry/Evangelism Committee.

## Prayer Chain

If you would like the Prayer Chain to pray for your need, contact the church office 610-384-2035, ext 201. We will let the members know and they will pray for you. All prayer requests will be kept completely confidential unless you specify otherwise. Please also consider joining the Prayer Chain.



Thank you to all who are willing to be part of this ministry.



10/1 Michael Kauppila  
 Betty Skerchock  
 Declan Brady  
 Glenn Ford  
 10/4 Ethan Rubincam  
 Jim Durborow  
 10/5 Hudson Durborow  
 10/6 Julian Crouthamel  
 10/7 Carlos Melendez  
 10/9 Ginny Lozinski  
 10/10 Steve Brown  
 Kevin Stofflet  
 Jim Monteith  
 10/11 Porter Stofflet  
 Heather Clark  
 10/13 Muriel Rose  
 Deborah Panning

10/15 Daniel Gballah  
 10/16 Gail Monteith  
 10/17 Judy Osborne  
 Betty Lee Genero  
 Ariana March  
 10/19 Samantha Wayne  
 10/22 Jean Sacco  
 Lindsay Bowman  
 10/23 Cheri McMenamin  
 10/24 Emilia Castro  
 10/25 Keslie Castro  
 Carmen Brown  
 Shannon Martz  
 10/26 David Althouse  
 10/27 Nicholas Aviles-Barajas  
 Joseph Regenski III  
 Carol Slody  
 10/29 David Blount  
 Bob Broderick  
 10/30 Sharon Tandarich  
 Rose Reid

10/1	Steve & Barbara Brown	45 yrs.
10/2	Judy & Bill Osborne	18 yrs.
10/11	Brent & Beth Douty	36 yrs.
10/11	Coleen & Greg Gill	20 yrs.
10/11	Dave & Meg Murray	19 yrs.
10/13	Nancy & Raymond Ritchie	32 yrs.
10/14	Robert & Gisela Bisignaro, Sr.	61 yrs.
10/14	Barry & Linda Kimes	61 yrs.
10/19	Noelle & Michael Raytik	38 yrs.
10/22	Carlos & Adrienne Melendez	11 yrs.
10/31	Ted & Anna Marie Alderman	64 yrs.



*We mourn the death of:*

Evelyn Hadley      September 18, 2022